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**Headline: “Building it From the Ground Up” workshop series will begin February 4<sup>th</sup>; preregistration by January 29<sup>th</sup>**

Osceola, Mo. –“Building it From the Ground Up” is a workshop series to help farmers/landowners improve their property as well as their outputs and profitability of their farming operation. This workshop series will begin on February 4<sup>th</sup> and continue on Thursday evenings from 6:00 p. m. to 9:00 p. m. till April 7<sup>th</sup>. The classes will be held at the Osceola First Baptist Church 505 Walnut St., Osceola, Mo. 64776.

The subject areas covered in the classes are

- Economics of a livestock business
- Sheep and goat production
- Pasture conditions
- Cow calf operation
- Stocker and backgrounder
- Soils, soil nutrition, and soil health
- Equipment needed on the farm
- Laying out and developing a farmstead/facilities needed on a farm
- Hobbies that pay (generating income in non – traditional ways)

Instructors for the topics consist of regional MU extension agriculture specialists, Dow AgroSciences LLC range and pasture/vegetation management specialist and NRCS soil conservationist. Each subject area will be presented in one evening. Refreshments will be provided each night.

If you choose to take the entire workshop series the cost is \$110.00 per person or if you choose to take individual classes the cost is \$15.00 per person per class. If registering for the entire workshop series please have registration to St. Clair County MU Extension Center (Courthouse, PO Box 523, Osceola, Mo. 64776) by January 29<sup>th</sup>. Make checks payable to the St. Clair County MU Extension Center. With that registration the participant will receive a 3 ring binder to place all handout material made available. If you are registering for individual classes please register by Tuesday of the week the class is held.

Please contact the St. Clair County MU Extension Center to register for the workshop series or classes or if you have any questions at 417 – 646 – 2419 or by email at [stclairco@missouri.edu](mailto:stclairco@missouri.edu). Contact us immediately if you need accommodations because of a disability, need to relay emergency medical information or need special arrangements if the building is evacuated.

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